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## **OPA Daily Digest for 10/30/13**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Rep. Emanuel Cleaver** (Mo.) 10/29/13. Recommendation for an EPA position. Due: 11/13/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Deb Fischer** (Neb.) 10/29/13. Concerns regarding the process and training of licensed EPA building inspectors. Due: 11/13/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) 9/25/13. Constituent concerns about property that they own considered as an abandoned hazardous waste site. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Claire McCaskill** (Mo.) 9/23/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done for lead removal at North County Schools in St. Francois County. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

**Gov Sam Brownback** (Kan) – 10/23/13: Support for 604B funds to be provided to KDHE. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Gov Dave Heineman** (Neb) – 10/23/13: Support for 604B funds to be provided to NDEQ. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Gov Jay Nixon** (Mo) – 10/23/13: Support for 604B funds to be provided to MDNR. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

### **Press Inquiries:**

**Omaha World-Herald** – Christopher Burbach – 10/30/13 – Questions about theft of sod from remediated property at Omaha Lead Site, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Salina (Kan.) Journal** – Erin Mathews – 10/30/13 – Questions about responses to mercury spills. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

### **Environmental Stories:**

**KDSK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Survey work begins on Bridgeton Landfill** (+video) - 10/29/13 - Testing began Tuesday at the Bridgeton landfill to figure out the exact location where a trench will be built to contain a large fire underneath. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2013/10/29/survey-work-bridgeton-landfill/3309415/>

**Kansas City Public Radio (KCUR) - Central Standard Podcast** - 10/29/13 - Regional Administrator Karl Brooks appears on the "Central Standard" public affairs program to talk about the existing power plant listening sessions and the Clean Air Act. [http://www.podtrac.com/pts/redirect.mp3/kcurstream.umkc.edu/central/Central\\_10-29-2013.mp3](http://www.podtrac.com/pts/redirect.mp3/kcurstream.umkc.edu/central/Central_10-29-2013.mp3)

**WHO Ch. 13 Des Moines - AGRIBUSINESS: New Water Quality Website** (+video) - 10/29/13 - Yesterday the Governor's Office, the Iowa Department of Agriculture, and Iowa DNR unveiled a new water quality initiative website: [cleanwateriowa.org](http://cleanwateriowa.org). Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds says it's another step toward realizing the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy. <http://whotv.com/2013/10/29/morning-agribusiness-report-10292013/>

**Salina Journal (Kan.) - Suit alleges Salina firm at fault for mercury contamination in McPherson home** - 10/29/13 - A lawsuit filed this month in McPherson County District Court alleges that a heating and cooling company with offices in Salina and McPherson negligently caused mercury contamination that left a McPherson home uninhabitable for a month while a Superfund cleanup was conducted. <http://www.salina.com/news/mercury-1-29-13#sthash.czNUfvpa.dpuf>

**Omaha World-Herald - Iowa golf course certified by Audubon for environmental work** - 10/29/13 - The Preserve on Rathbun Lake golf course at Honey Creek Resort State Park was designated a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary for its efforts to reduce its impact on the environment. It is one of only six Iowa courses to receive the designation. <http://sports.omaha.com/2013/10/29/iowa-golf-course-certified-by-audubon-for-environmental-work/>

**Joplin Independent - DNR accused of failure to inspect its own towers** - 10/29/13 - Contrary to its own standards, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) failed to have its park water towers and storage facilities professionally inspected. [http://www.joplinindependent.com/display\\_article.php/staff1383100710](http://www.joplinindependent.com/display_article.php/staff1383100710)

**Park Hills Daily Journal - Big River Watershed Group reviews plan** - 10/29/13 - The Big River Watershed Group held a public meeting to review and discuss the latest draft of the Southeast Missouri Ozarks Regional Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment. [http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/big-river-watershed-group-reviews-plan/article\\_fe10c77c-415e-11e3-b96f-0019bb2963f4.html](http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/big-river-watershed-group-reviews-plan/article_fe10c77c-415e-11e3-b96f-0019bb2963f4.html)

**KAKE-TV Wichita, Kan. - Residents using water well concerned with quality** (+video) - 10/29/13 - There's a water issue percolating in one Valley Center neighborhood. Some of the residents near 69th Street North and Seneca are complaining about the quality of their well water. [http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Valley-Center-Well-Woes-229787471.html](http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Valley-Center-Well-Water-Woes-229787471.html)

**KWCH-TV Ch. 12 Wichita - Salina neighborhood must either boil or buy its water** - 10/29/13 - The Hulls are just one of the families under a boil advisory from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. It's because of problems with chlorine levels in the Howison Heights Water District System. <http://www.kwch.com/news/news-adk-kwch-salina-neighborhood-must-either-boil-or-buy-its-water-20131029.0.6705868.story>

**Des Moines Register - Troubled nuclear plant near Iowa reaches repair milestone** - 10/30/13 - A troubled nuclear power plant near Omaha is being heated up to test its pressurized steam pipes for leaks after an outage that dates to April 2011, federal regulators said Tuesday. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20131030/NEWS/310290101/Troubled-nuclear-plant-near-iowa-reaches-repair-milestone>

**Associated Press - High Missouri River runoff expected in '14** - 10/30/13 - The Army Corps of Engineers expects higher-than-normal runoff in the Missouri River basin next year, but the system of dams along the river will still have minimum flows to recover from drought last year. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20131030/NEWS/310300035/High-Missouri-River-runoff-expected-14>

**Lincoln Journal Star - 'Absurd' climate study definition prompts letter from senator** - 10/29/13 - The debate on global warming and climate change continued Tuesday with a letter from a Lincoln senator to colleagues in the Legislature. [http://journalstar.com/legislature/absurd-climate-study-definition-prompts-letter-from-senator/article\\_b021ef35-8062-586e-843a-8a8631e6f13d.html](http://journalstar.com/legislature/absurd-climate-study-definition-prompts-letter-from-senator/article_b021ef35-8062-586e-843a-8a8631e6f13d.html)

**Lincoln Journal Star - Local View: Let scientists do their job** - 10/30/13 - Administration officials need to halt their obstructionist behavior and let the scientists do their job. To do otherwise is unacceptable. [http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/editorial/columnists/local-view-let-scientists-do-their-job/article\\_4a38ced1-bfb0-5ea5-8a91-1d4c170688d4.html](http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/editorial/columnists/local-view-let-scientists-do-their-job/article_4a38ced1-bfb0-5ea5-8a91-1d4c170688d4.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - MSD cleaning up spill from clogged sewer main in north St. Louis County** - 10/29/13 - Crews from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District are cleaning up sewage that spilled into a small creek because a main line was clogged with debris, a spokesman said Tuesday. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/msd-cleaning-up-spill-from-clogged-sewer-main-in-north/article\\_f267dc4e-f19d-5e2c-ad69-3436cfc851f4.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/msd-cleaning-up-spill-from-clogged-sewer-main-in-north/article_f267dc4e-f19d-5e2c-ad69-3436cfc851f4.html)

**Des Moines Register - Environmental groups urge Congress to tie crop insurance to conservation** - 10/30/13 - Nearly 300 environmental and other groups urged Congress to require farmers to follow conservation practices in order to receive crop insurance. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/10/30/environmental-groups-urge-congress-to-tie-crop-insurance-to-conservation/article>

**Des Moines Register - Advanced biofuel companies warn EPA change to renewable fuel standard could hurt growth** - 10/29/13 - Nearly three dozen advanced biofuel companies warned the White House Tuesday that as the administration considers making changes to the country's renewable fuels policy, it should be careful not to irreversibly harm the next generation of fuels. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/10/29/advanced-biofuel-companies-warn-epa-change-to-renewable-fuel-standard-could-hurt-growth/article>

**Forest City Summit (Iowa)- Working for new life** - 10/30/13 - Bill Watson, a biologist working with a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, has been cutting down buckthorn trees near bogs in the park for the past three summers. And with new light, comes new plant life. [http://globegazette.com/forestcitysummit/news/local/working-for-new-life/article\\_d3981132-cdfb-521e-876a-228d3a44be19.html](http://globegazette.com/forestcitysummit/news/local/working-for-new-life/article_d3981132-cdfb-521e-876a-228d3a44be19.html)

**Grist - Nebraska is a loser in the wind-energy boom** - 10/29/13 - It's hard to find anywhere in America that's windier than Nebraska, where sweeping flat lands offer little to break up the gusts. So why isn't the state dotted with turbines? <http://grist.org/news/nebraska-is-a-loser-in-the-wind-energy-boom/>

**Guns Save Lives - Last U.S. Lead Smelter to Close in December Due to EPA – Might Affect Ammo Production** - 10/28/13 - According to the NRA-ILA, the last primary lead smelter in the United States will close down its operation in December. This means the US will lose its capability to produce lead ammo completely within its borders. <http://gunssavelives.net/news/last-u-s-lead-smelter-to-close-in-december-due-to-epa-might-affect-ammo-production/>

**National Journal - Coal Industry's Future Hinges on Unproven Technology for Capturing Carbon** - 10/30/13 - Today the coal industry faces another round of regulations confronting an even larger environmental problem: global warming. Technology offers a solution, at least in theory, but it's not yet ready to be the savior coal needs. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/new-energy-paradigm/coal-industry-s-future-hinges-on-unproven-technology-for-capturing-carbon-20131029>

**National Journal - Coal Backers Hold Major Rally to Protest EPA Regulations** - 10/30/13 - Several thousand workers from the coal and mining industry and their families converged on the west lawn of the Capitol building Tuesday to protest the Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse-gas regulations. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/coal-backers-hold-major-rally-to-protest-epa-regulations-20131029>

**Canadian Free Press - Opinion: The Environmental Enemies of Energy** - 10/29/13 - There is another threat to our future as environmental groups like the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth continue their assault on the provision of electrical energy, the lifeblood of the nation's economy and our ability to function at home and on the job. <http://canadafreepress.com/index.php/article/58892>

**The Hill - The Supreme Court eyes the EPA (blog)** - 10/30/13 - The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to review whether its past decisions to allow the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate auto and truck emissions of various gases under the Clean Air Act (CAA) also justified granting EPA the ability, without legislative authority, to perform the identical regulation of stationary energy producing facilities. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/judicial/188555-the-supreme-court-eyes-the-epa>

**Wall Street Journal - Waste Lands: America's forgotten nuclear legacy** - 10/30/13 - With the government's own records about many of the sites unclear, the Journal has compiled a database that draws on thousands of public records and other sources to trace this historic atomic development effort and its consequences. <http://projects.wsj.com/waste-lands/?mod=e2tw>

**Center for Public Integrity - EPA under the gun to regulate coal ash** - 10/29/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency is facing new pressure to regulate the disposal of coal ash for the first time after a federal judge issued a memorandum in a lawsuit filed against the agency by environmental groups. <http://www.publicintegrity.org/2013/10/29/13650/epa-under-gun-regulate-coal-ash>

**New York Times - U.S. Says It Won't Back New International Coal-Fired Power Plants** - 10/29/13 - In an aggressive move to impose President Obama's environmental policies overseas, the Treasury Department on Tuesday largely declared an end to United States support for new coal-fired power plants around the world. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/30/us/us-says-it-wont-back-new-international-coal-fired-power-plants.html>

**Politico - Ken Cuccinelli, Republicans dominate D.C. coal rally** - 10/30/13 - Virginia gubernatorial candidate Ken Cuccinelli joined other top Republicans in taking to the Capitol on Tuesday with thousands of other critics of the Obama administration's so-called war on coal. <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/ken-cuccinelli-coal-rally-99059.html>

**McClatchy DC - Coal industry workers, allies rally against EPA power plant rules** - 10/29/13 - Hundreds of coal industry workers and supporters gathered Tuesday in front of the U.S. Capitol as a parade of coal-state lawmakers assailed the Obama administration as waging a "war on coal" with new environmental rules. <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/10/29/206854/coal-industry-workers-allies-rally.html>

**National Journal - New Battle in 'War on Coal' With Bill to Block Power-Plant Rules** - 10/28/13 - A bipartisan bill taking aim at the centerpiece of President Obama's agenda on climate change probably has little chance of becoming law, but it gives the coal industry and its supporters a new rallying cry against impending Environmental Protection Agency regulations for power plants. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/daily/new-battle-in-war-on-coal-with-bill-to-block-power-plant-rules-20131028>

**Green Car Reports - Biodiesel Makers Beg EPA To Notice: We're Not Ethanol!** - 10/30/13 - Being lumped into the same bucket as ethanol is worrying the biodiesel industry, which fears the fuel is being dragged into draft legislation mainly aimed at ethanol producers. [http://www.greencarreports.com/news/1088043\\_biodiesel-makers-beg-epa-to-notice-were-not-ethanol](http://www.greencarreports.com/news/1088043_biodiesel-makers-beg-epa-to-notice-were-not-ethanol)

**Huffington Post (blog) - New Poll: Is Attacking the EPA the Bright Idea Tea Partiers Think It Is?** - 10/29/13 - According to a new poll of swing Senate states, it seems Tea Party extremists may be making another misstep with their attacks on the EPA, the science of climate change, and those working for a safe and healthy future. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gene-karpinski/new-poll-is-attacking-the\\_b\\_4170858.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gene-karpinski/new-poll-is-attacking-the_b_4170858.html)

**Daily Caller - Obama official testifies against EPA's global warming agenda** - 10/29/13 - A former Obama official is undercutting a key aspect of his former employer's plan to tackle global warming by arguing that carbon capture and sequestration technology, or CCS, is not commercially viable for industry-wide use by coal-fired power plants. <http://dailycaller.com/2013/10/29/obama-official-testifies-against-epas-global-warming-agenda/>

**EnergyBiz - Political Split Bigger Than Scientific Fissures Over Nuclear Waste Home** - 10/28/13 - Resolving the issue of long-term nuclear waste storage seems impermeable. Yucca Mountain is alive, but barely. Other ideas are plausible, but remote. <http://www.energybiz.com/article/13/10/political-split-bigger-scientific-fissures-over-nuclear-waste-home>

**E&E News - Coal Utilization Research Council's Yamagata says wide-scale CCS deployment 20 years away** (transcript) - 10/29/13 - Ben Yamagata, executive director at the Coal Utilization Research Council, explains why he believes the Obama administration's regulatory proposal for new coal plants does not encourage industry to work toward developing carbon capture and storage technology. <http://www.eenews.net/tv/videos/1741/transcript>

**E&E Daily - House panel to mark up 3 regulatory bills, FEMA reauthorization** - 10/29/13 - The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee this afternoon will mark up several bills that have long been on farmers' wish lists. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059989556/feed>

**Christian Science Monitor - Daylight saving time ends: Does it save energy?** - 10/30/13 - For most of us, the end of daylight saving time on Sunday, Nov. 3, (officially at 2 a.m.), means we get another hour of sleep, and an earlier sunrise. Both are welcome. But lately, the true raison d'etre of daylight saving time has been called into question: saving energy. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2013/1030/Daylight-saving-time-ends-Does-it-save-energy>

**National Hog Farmer - PPC Responds to Latest Undercover Hog Farm Video** - 10/29/13 - "A questionable undercover video from a Minnesota farm released today by Mercy for Animals (MFA), a front group for the Humane Society of the United States, is the latest attack against America's hog farmers," says the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC). <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/animal-well-being/nppc-responds-latest-undercover-hog-farm-video>

**Biofuels Digest - EPA sticks up for all kinds of ethanol ahead of 2014 RFS policy** - 10/29/13 - In Washington, the EPA released a statement saying the Obama Administration fully supports all types of ethanol, including corn-based, advanced and cellulosic ethanol, in response to AAA's call to lower the RFS for 2014. <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/10/29/epa-sticks-up-for-all-kinds-of-ethanol-ahead-of-2014-rfs-policy/>

**Environmental Working Group - Outdoor Air Pollution Officially Labeled A Leading Environmental Cause of Cancer** - 10/29/13 - The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) reviewed over 1,000 scientific papers from five continents and concluded that there is a clear relationship between exposure to everyday air pollution and lung cancer. <http://blogs.edf.org/texascleanairmatters/2013/10/29/outdoor-air-pollution-officially-labeled-a-leading-environmental-cause-of-cancer/#sthash.cRURiafB.dpuf>

**E&E Daily - GOP-led House panel decries rules blocking 'absolutely critical' infrastructure** - 10/30/13 - A House panel yesterday took aim at federal regulations that critics say stifle construction of dams and reservoirs and threaten the viability of growing communities in the West. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059989649/feed>

**Greenwire - EPA draft proposal hurts investment, advanced producers warn** - 10/29/13 - A draft proposal that indicates U.S. EPA is considering significantly scaling back next year's renewable fuel targets is already dampening investors' moods toward advanced biofuels, according to producers. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989596/feed>

**Environmental Leader - Scientists Develop Way to Recycle REEs from Wastewater** - 10/30/13 - Researchers may have found a way to recycle rare earth elements from wastewater, a method that could alleviate economic and environmental pressures facing the REE industry. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/10/30/scientists-develop-way-to-recycle-rees-from-wastewater/>

**Biofuels Digest - UMKC gets \$1.2 million from JBEI to study mold for biofuel processing** - 10/28/13 - The University of Missouri at Kansas City has scored 1.2 million in grant funding from JBEI to study the potential to produce biofuel from a particular mold including gene sequencing. The species of mold to be studied is seen as a model for how microbes can break down complex molecules. <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/10/28/umkc-gets-1-2-million-from-jbei-to-study-mold-for-biofuel-processing/>

**BNA - Climate Change Will Exacerbate Asthma, McCarthy Tells Children's Health Researchers** - 10/30/13 - Climate change will exacerbate smog and lengthen the duration of allergy season, increasing the risk children and the elderly face from asthma, Gina McCarthy, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, said Oct. 29. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37689433&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x5y1b2&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37689433&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x5y1b2&split=0)

**BNA - EPA Expected to Approve Landowner Liability Standard by Dec. 31, Lawyers Say** - 10/30/13 - A revised standard on evaluating brownfields for potential liability is likely to be approved by the international standard-setting organization ASTM Nov. 1, and the Environmental Protection Agency should issue a final rule approving use of the standard by Dec. 31. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37689423&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2w8e6q7&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37689423&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2w8e6q7&split=0)

**BNA - Black Carbon a Potent Climate Pollutant, But Further Study Needed, EPA Official Says** - 10/30/13 - Black carbon is a potent, short-lived climate change pollutant, but there are still many uncertainties that require further study, an Environmental Protection Agency official told a subcommittee that advises the agency. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37689428&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x5w6p6&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37689428&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x5w6p6&split=0)

**BNA - Boxer Says She May Not Seek Floor Vote For Climate Change Bill, Cites Prospects** - 10/30/13 - The chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee said Oct. 29 she may not seek a floor vote for climate change legislation pending in her committee, citing doubts about the bill's prospects. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37689429&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x5x4f9&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37689429&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x5x4f9&split=0)

**BNA - Former Obama Energy Official Says Carbon Capture Technology Not Ready to Deploy** - 10/30/13 - A former Obama administration energy official testified Oct. 29 that

carbon capture and sequestration technology isn't ready for deployment on a commercial scale, while House Republicans pushed back against proposed Environmental Protection Agency standards for new power plants that would require its use. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37689424&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x2a1y0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37689424&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x2a1y0&split=0)

**BNA - Lawmakers Vow to Fight Power Plant Rules That May Affect Coal Industry, Economies** - 10/30/13 - More than two dozen lawmakers from coal-producing regions vowed to continue their fight against greenhouse gas regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency that they argued would cripple local economies and cost hundreds of thousands of jobs. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37689425&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x2p7g5&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37689425&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2x2p7g5&split=0)

**BNA - Comment Period for NPDES Reporting Rule Extended Water Treatment** - 10/29/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency is extending the comment period on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System electronic reporting proposed rule until Dec. 12. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658082&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2w5f9p2&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658082&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2w5f9p2&split=0)

**BNA - TSCA Reform Bill Should Remove Barriers To EPA Data Requests, Advocacy Group Says** - 10/29/13 - The Center for Progressive Reform will release a report Oct. 29 offering recommendations for legislation to update the Toxic Substances Control Act. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658073&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9t6y4&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658073&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9t6y4&split=0)

**BNA - Whitfield, Manchin Release Draft Legislation That Would Guide EPA Power Plant Rules** - 10/29/13 - Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.) released a discussion draft bill Oct. 28 that would restrict the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to set greenhouse gas emissions standards for power plants. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658080&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9w9z3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658080&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9w9z3&split=0)

**BNA - Report: Costs of Extreme Weather to Climb Without Disaster Relief, Insurance Reforms** - 10/29/13 - The costs to taxpayers of extreme weather events will keep rising unless federal and state disaster relief and insurance programs are changed, a Ceres report says one year after Superstorm Sandy. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658078&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9w6d2&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658078&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9w6d2&split=0)

**BNA - EPA Withdraws Direct Rule on Liability Protection Brownfields** - 10/29/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency is withdrawing a direct final rule on evaluating sites for potential liability because it received adverse comments on it, according to a notice scheduled for publication Oct. 29. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658089&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2w5h1j2&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658089&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2w5h1j2&split=0)

**BNA - Groups Sue EPA for Overdue Revisions To Publicly Owned Treatment Works Rule** - 10/29/13 - Two environmental groups have sued the Environmental Protection Agency for failing to review the hazardous air pollutant standards for publicly owned treatment works as required by the Clean Air Act. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658062&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9m1k3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658062&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9m1k3&split=0)

**BNA - Conservation Districts Back Farm Bill Linking Of Insurance Subsidies, Wetlands Protection** - 10/29/13 - The National Association of Conservation Districts has thrown its support behind a provision in the Senate version of the farm bill that ties federal crop insurance subsidies to the protection of highly erodible lands and ecologically sensitive wetlands. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658060&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9b8h1&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658060&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9b8h1&split=0)

**BNA - Arguments Scheduled in Power Plant Toxics Lawsuits Judge's Bench** - 10/29/13 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit will hear arguments Dec. 10 in lawsuits challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's air toxics standards for power plants. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37658065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9m5a3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37658065&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2v9m5a3&split=0)

**Inside EPA - EPA Policy Chief Departing** - 10/29/13 - Michael Goo, EPA's associate administrator for policy, is leaving the agency to take a position at the Department of Energy (DOE), prompting praise from EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy's chief of staff for Goo's tenure overseeing major agency rules and his work leading a retrospective review of existing EPA regulations. <http://insideepa.com/201310292451193/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-policy-chief-departing/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA, Environmentalists Weigh Ozone NAAQS Deadline Deal** - 10/29/13 - Environmentalists and EPA are in tentative talks about trying to settle litigation Sierra

Club and others filed trying to force a court-ordered deadline for the agency to revise its ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). <http://insideepa.com/201310292451252/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-environmentalists-weigh-ozone-naaqs-deadline-deal/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - D.C. Circuit Approves Bid To Expedite 2013 RFS Suit** - 10/29/13 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has granted oil refiner Monroe Energy's bid to expedite litigation over EPA's 2013 renewable fuel standard (RFS), approving an accelerated briefing schedule. <http://insideepa.com/201310292451268/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/dc-circuit-approves-bid-to-expedite-2013-rfs-suit/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Weighs Steps To Bolster AFO Air Model To Address SAB Criticisms** - 10/29/13 - EPA is seeking new data and taking other steps to bolster the use of a pending statistical method to estimate emissions from animal feeding operations (AFOs), an agency official says, in order to address concerns from its Science Advisory Board (SAB) that faulted the model and suggested pursuing an alternative process-based modeling method. <http://insideepa.com/201310292451274/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-weighs-steps-to-bolster-afos-air-model-to-address-sab-criticisms/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Judge Gives EPA 60 Days To Craft Plan For Finalizing Coal Ash Waste Rule** - 10/28/13 - A federal district judge is ordering EPA to submit to the court within 60 days an update on its pending Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) coal ash rule and a schedule for finalizing it. <http://insideepa.com/201310292451132/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/judge-gives-epa-60-days-to-craft-plan-for-finalizing-coal-ash-waste-rule/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Appellate Court Orders EPA Response To Environmentalists' Drift Suit** - 10/28/13 - A federal appellate court has ordered EPA to respond to a lawsuit environmentalists and farmworker advocates filed this summer urging the agency to respond to the groups' almost four-year-old petition that asked EPA to issue safety standards and other measures to protect children living near farms from pesticide drift and related health risks. <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-10/29/2013/appellate-court-orders-epa-response-to-environmentalists-drift-suit/menu-id-130.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Study Renews Focus On 'Emerging' Releases From Livestock Facilities** - 10/30/13 - EPA has quietly released a scientific review on the constituents of livestock and poultry manure that focuses on potential water quality impacts from pathogens and emerging contaminants, such as antimicrobials and hormones, a change from the agency's past focus on nutrients. <http://insideepa.com/201310302451302/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-study-renews-focus-on-emerging-releases-from-livestock-facilities/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - OMB Weighs EPA Proposal Strengthening Protection For Farm Workers** - 10/28/13 - EPA has proposed updated protection standards for agricultural workers exposed to pesticide chemicals, formally submitting the long-delayed rule to the White House Office of Management & Budget (OMB) for review following various lobbying efforts from farmworker groups over the summer and past threats of litigation. <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-10/29/2013/omb-weighs-epa-proposal-strengthening-protection-for-farm-workers/menu-id-130.html>

**Inside EPA - Environmentalists Seek House Farm Bill's Pollinator Protection Language** - 10/28/13 - A coalition of beekeeper, environmental and other groups is urging a House-Senate conference committee to preserve language in the House version of the farm bill that seeks to strengthen federal pollinator protection efforts. <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-10/29/2013/environmentalists-seek-house-farm-bills-pollinator-protection-language/menu-id-130.html>

**Inside EPA - Advocates Seek Local Campaigns For Strict State Cooling Water Permits** - 10/28/13 - Anticipating the lack of a strong national standard in EPA's upcoming cooling water intake rule, environmentalists are urging states to improve how they determine which technology would most reduce harm to aquatic life while encouraging local citizen groups to push for stringent overhauls such as closed-cycle retrofits at power plants. <http://insideepa.com/201310282451089/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/advocates-seek-local-campaigns-for-strict-state-cooling-water-permits/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Withdraws Brownfields Rule** - 10/28/13 - EPA is following through with its plan to formally withdraw a direct final rule updating brownfields "due diligence requirements" used to assess whether parties are exempt from cleanup liability. <http://insideepa.com/201310282451074/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-withdraws-brownfields-rule/menu-id-97.html>

**Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

**Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

**Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**11/7/13** – CFC Kick-Off Event, Regional Office. Contact: Becky Dolph, 7281

**11/14/13** – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**12/16/13** – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

**12/3/13** – SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**12/9/13** – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

**12/19/13** – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

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**12/19/13** – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events****AWMD**

11/4/13 – Green House Gas Listening Session, Regional Office, Josh Tapp, 7606

**CNSL**

None

### **ECO/EJ**

**11/1/13** – EJ Presentation at Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**11/4-5/13** – Green Impact Zone Essential Employability Skills Training, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**12/4 – 12/6/13** – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: DeAndré Singletary, 7373

### **ENSV**

None

### **PLMG**

**11/5/13** - KC Small Business Networking Event for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

**11/5/13** - Small Business Entrepreneurial Graduation Conference, Lee’s Summit, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

**11/5/13** - American Indian Enterprise Business Council Annual Conference, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

**11/19/13** - Federal Executive Board and Chamber of Commerce Small Business Planning Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

**11/21/13** - GovFest Government Business Services Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

### **RA/OPA**

None

### **SUPR**

**11/20-22/13**: Oversight of pre-construction activities West Lake Landfill, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**11/20/13**: Public availability session to discuss DOD vapor intrusion investigation St. Louis Ordnance Plant, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

### **WWPD**

**10/31/13** – Iowa Association of Business and Industry speech and panelist, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**11/4-6/13** – Annual Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) Conference, Minneapolis, Min. Contacts: Glenn Curtis, 7726, Sabre Germano, 7026

**11/6/13** – Missouri Water Quality Standards Effluent Regulations Hearing, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Bob Angelo, 7060, John DeLashmit, 7821

**11/6-7/13** – Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA) workshop, Kearney, Neb. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

**11/18/13** - National Capacity Development & Operator Certification Workshop, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Bob Dunlevy, 7798

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